

Editorial Comments.

Lieut. Mer, a military aviator at Santiago, Chile, was killed Sunday.

Z. F. How, the leading Chinese editor of Shanghai, was killed by an assassin Sunday, who was arrested.

H. L. Dunlap, Washington correspondent of the N. Y. World, dropped dead Sunday, aged 45. He was from Chattanooga, Tenn.

The new mayor of Providence is named Snow. He is all right in the winter, but what is to become of him when it gets hot?

Mrs. Clara Hess, Indiana's only woman justice of the peace, was married at Wheaton, Ill., to William Eanteiss, chief of police of Laporte, Ind.

Ross Colligan got \$11,000 damages from the city of New York for the killing of his brother by a shaft Jan. 11, 1911. The verdict was returned at 11 o'clock.

Cardinal Amelle, of Paris, in an admonition to Catholics forbids the dancing of the tango as a sin which must be confessed and require penance. He characterizes it as contrary to "Christian modesty and decency."

Discussion of a eugenics registry office for the purpose of developing human thoroughbreds was taken up at the Battle Creek conference on Race Betterment. It would require every young man who goes courting to take his score card along with him.

B. G. Nelson, secretary of the Pennyroyal Fair Association, has called a meeting of the secretaries of all fair associations in Western Kentucky to be held at Hopkinsville on Jan. 20, to agree on satisfactory rates of the various fairs to be held in the year.

Three officers of the city of Hopkinsville whose private business affairs are not interfered with by the occasional services rendered the city are to be paid \$5,200 for 1914, or almost enough to employ three commissioners at \$150 a month to give them of their time to the city. The actual duties of the officers named can be performed by appointed agents at a saving of \$4,000 a year, or enough to pay two commissioners \$2,000 each.

Barnum Davis, formerly of Madisonville, Ky., and Miss Lulynne Roberts, at Heber Springs, Ark., were married as a result of a dare. The young lady was bantered by Davis to marry him at a party, but backed out after accepting a few nights later the affair was being discussed at another gathering and when the dare was renewed the girl said she was "game" and a license was procured and a preacher was called in and married them at once.

Dr. J. N. McCormack, of Bowling Green, will introduce a bill in the House to provide for a uniform accounting system to apply to every office in the Commonwealth, State, county, municipal and district, which handles or accounts for public funds. The system is to be under the supervision of a commission, composed of the State officials, and the State inspector and examiner at the termination of the term of the incumbent is to be an expert accountant.

A conference of mayors and commissioners of second class cities was held at Frankfort Friday. Commission government has been a success in Lexington, Covington and Newport, according to the representatives, but there is still room for improvement in the opinion of those who attended the conference. The contemplated changes have the object of enabling the voters to cast their ballots more wisely. A committee was appointed to prepare a bill for the Legislature to consider.

In Pistol Duel.

In a pistol duel at Hickman Allison Tyler was killed and Albert Langford badly wounded, but not fatally.

SALARY ROLL
OF \$25,800

Vetoed Ordinance Revising The Salaries of City Officials Goes Through.

VERY NICE RAISES FOR SOME.

Councilman Smith This Time Changes And Votes With Majority.

The Council met Friday night in adjourned session with Mayor Yost presiding for the first time.

The various annual reports filed at the last meeting were returned by the finance committee, approved and filed. A small budget of accounts for December was reported and ordered paid. The street lighting bill for three months presented in December, a part of it since the contract expired Nov. 16, was finally reported from the finance committee and allowed, amounting to \$2,143.54. The money to pay this bill was turned over in a cash surplus by the retiring treasurer Jan. 3. The Treasurer's annual report to Jan. 3, showed a cash balance of \$9,300.

These routine matters were soon disposed of.

The ordinance increasing some of the salaries for the terms beginning Jan. 5, 1914, which was vetoed in December by Mayor Meacham, was again introduced, changed with the section fixing the salary of the sexton of the colored cemetery placed in a separate ordinance, and both ordinances were passed. Councilman Smith, who voted against the increases before, this time voted with the four councilmen who originally passed the vetoed ordinance.

Councilman Buckner made a speech against the ordinance, pointing out that the salaries of the judge and attorney were about double those paid in several other cities larger than Hopkinsville. Councilmen Buckner and Wooldridge voted against the ordinance, which changed the present salaries, repealing ordinance in conflict. There is said to be grave doubt of the legality of the proceeding increasing salaries in the midst of a term. The ordinance carries appropriations close to the debt limit of the city under the recent decision. This with the school debt of \$66,000 brings the current indebtedness for 1914 up to \$91,800 less \$9,300 on hand, or \$82,500. The estimated revenues will be about \$85,000 for 1914. The contracts for lights and water have not been renewed yet.

Upon application of Rev. C. M. Thompson for the Associated Charities, an appropriation of \$350 was made out of the Latham Poor Fund income for 1914. It was also asked that the ordinance prohibiting begging be enforced and that permits now authorized be withheld.

Manager Choate, of the Ky. Public Service Co., was present and said the street lights were 500 watts, but he did not know what candle power. He said if any residences or business houses had been charged more than the franchise rates of 12 and 10 cents respectively it was a mistake not intended. Mr. Choate said the present service was being greatly improved by a new plant and he believed everything would be satisfactory in a short time.

Mayor Yost appointed Councilmen Southall and Buckner to act with him as a committee on Pardons. This committee heretofore elected by the Council under section 3500 of the charter, was not appointed by the former mayor, whose appointments of committees Dec. 1 are continued for the present.

The table below gives the salaries paid during 1913, compared with the proposed salaries for the present year:

SALARIES RAISED \$800.		
	1914	1913
Mayor	\$600	\$600.00

CUTTING MAY
PROVE FATAL

Alex. Wells and Lucian Wilson Get Together In Card Game.

WELLS NOW IN JAIL.

Arrested By Citizens And Turned Over To Deputy Sheriff Johnson.

News has been received of a difficulty between two white men, Alex. Wells and Lucian Wilson, near Haley's mill, in the northeastern part of the county, Sunday. The particulars are meager.

The two men were playing cards Sunday and finally engaged in a fight. In the melee, one report says, Wilson rushed on Wells with a heavy stick, about six feet long, when Wells, to protect himself, drew a large knife and cut Wilson from the back part of the neck around almost to his throat. Drs. Grace and Woodson, who were called to the wounded man, pronounced the wound not only a very ugly one but exceedingly dangerous, the wound being as deep as the knife could penetrate until it struck a bone. Fortunately the knife did not reach the jugular vein.

Deputy Sheriff Johnson, when the account of the cutting was received here, started to the scene and after reaching Kirkmansville Sunday night found that two citizens had arrested Wells and had taken him to Kirkmansville where they awaited the Sheriff's coming. They turned their prisoner over to the officer, who brought him here and committed him to jail.

PEMBROKE
HAS LIGHT

Supplied From The Plant Here Of The Kentucky Public Service Company.

The Kentucky Public Service Co. on Friday night turned the current on its new Pembroke line and our little neighbor ten miles away is now furnished with street lights and commercial service. The local plant has been closed down. Pembroke's service will be an all-day one, just as Hopkinsville has and electric motor power can be had there for the first time.

Steps Into County Office.

No County surveyor was elected at the last election and County Judge Knight has appointed M. G. Moore as surveyor. Mr. Moore was city engineer for the two years' ending January 1, 1914, and is an experienced and capable surveyor.

Judge	1,500	1,373.20
Clerk	600	600.00
Attorney	1,500	1,181.73
Treas.	450	450.00
Collector est.	2,100	2,016.04
Assessor est.	675	675.00
Engineer	1,000	1,000.00
Physician	200	200.00
Health Officer	200	200.00
Police Force (12)	10,445	10,200.00
Fire Dept. (11)	3,770	3,770.00
Sexton	550	550.00
Col. Sexton	120	
W. H. Keeper	360	360.00

The increases are \$126.80 for the judge, \$318.27 for the attorney, \$130 for Lieutenant of Police and \$10 (cost of bond) for all of the police and an estimated increase in the commissions of the assessor and collector. The raises are intended to date back to the beginning of the terms, Jan. 5.

ON RECORD
TEN TO ONE

H. B. M. A. Gets Behind The Great Popular Movement For Commission Form.

MANY OTHER MATTERS

Of Much Importance Acted Upon At Friday Night's Meeting.

Hopkinsville Business Men's Association Friday night endorsed the commission form of governments by the decisive vote of 30 to 3, passing the following resolution offered by Geo. E. Gary:

"Resolved, that this, the Hopkinsville Business Men's Association, believing it hurtful to the standing and progress of this city of Hopkinsville to have it spread abroad that she has less than 8,000 population, therefore, be it resolved, that she should be put in the Third class where she belongs, thus giving her the commercial prestige now denied her and that the passage of a bill be secured placing her there and that during this the same session of this present legislature, that we help secure an enabling act giving Hopkinsville and the other Third class cities of Kentucky the privilege of voting on the adoption of a commission form of government."

The motion was about to be voted on without discussion, when J. E. McPherson asked that Chas. M. Meacham explain the origin of the present ward system. Mr. Meacham said it was a system devised and kept in force while the city was a much smaller town for political advantage to the Democrats, but the city's growth had made the city so easy for the Democrats to carry that it had not gone Republican since 1908 and last year gave 189 Democratic majority. He thought if county Democrats could overcome 1200 majority the city Democrats could hold their own, in view of the fact that the Republican party was almost a thing of the past and the young men were flocking into the Democratic party. This brought on an animated discussion in which Messrs. M. C. Forbes and J. T. Wall also joined, but the vote was almost unanimous when it was explained that it was not sought to legislate any man out of office during his term.

The meeting endorsed Louisville for a regional bank and A. H. Eckles, J. E. McPherson and W. T. Tandy were appointed to form the resolution.

Secretary Bleich was instructed to thank the Christian-Todd Telephone Company for removing its poles on Main Street.

Chairman Gary reported that Coal Traffic Agent, C. C. Cameron, of the I. C. Railroad, would be here this week to discuss lower coal rates for the city.

Secretary Bleich reported that Peter Fox & Sons wanted to start a creamery here if they could get the butter fat from 1000 cows. They would invest \$10,000 and pay out \$75,000 a year. S. L. Cowherd, Geoffrey Morgan and W. L. Gore were appointed to see what could be done.

A committee composed of Geo. D. Dalton, Chas. M. Meacham and S. L. Cowherd was appointed to wait upon the Fiscal Court and urge the erection of the tuberculosis sanatorium authorized by the people last fall.

By arrangement with Manager Shrode, Friday January 16 was designated as H. B. M. A. day at the Rex theatre. Mr. Shrode generously offered to donate all proceeds that day in excess of \$40. The H. B. M. A. expects to realize a handsome sum. It was resolved to establish a credit system to protect business men from dead beats and the Chair, Vice-President W. R. Wheeler, was authorized to appoint a committee of

OFFICERS
ELECTED

Tobacco Board Of Trade Held Meeting Last Week At Their Office.

ABERNATHY AGAIN ELECTED

Endorse Louisville's Claim For A Regional Bank Unanimously.

The Hopkinsville Tobacco Board of Trade met last Wednesday and transacted much important business. The Board of Trade is composed of the warehousemen and buyers on the local market.

The board elected officers for the coming year, as follows:

R. E. Cooper, President.
J. T. Thomas, Vice-President.
H. H. Abernathy, Sec. & Treas.

Mr. Abernathy was re-elected Inspector, receiving the unanimous vote of the board.

This is the third year of service by Mr. Abernathy and no other name for the position was before the board at the last meeting.

Mr. Abernathy is recognized as one of the most efficient and attentive inspectors that the city has ever had and his selection for a third consecutive year is a just tribute to his worth. His position is one of great importance, as all tobacco in the hogshead market is inspected by him and the contents of the hogshead is sold by the sample drawn by him.

Before adjournment the board unanimously endorsed Louisville's claim for a regional bank.

From Tennessee.

Miles Farmer, of Montgomery county, Tenn., has moved to Christian county to make his home. Not long since he bought from Mrs. Irvin Cayce the farm on which she has lived for many years, containing 114 acres. Mrs. Cayce has moved to her other farm, known as the Hill place.

12 to be announced later.

The Finn bill, enlarging the powers of the Railroad Commission, was endorsed and M. L. Elb, J. F. Bible and Geo. E. Gary appointed to notify Mr. Finn of the willingness to aid in passing the bill.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that this Hopkinsville Business Men's Association in regular meeting do hereby unanimously express their endorsement of and extend their aid towards the passage of the bill presented to the Legislature enlarging the powers of the present Railroad Commission.

Resolved Further, that we especially urge upon the State Legislature the importance of conferring upon the State Railroad Commission the power to re-adjust and regulate joint freight rates; the right to assess a fine against the railroad for failure to furnish cars in reasonable time; the power to prohibit railroads from changing their rates without reasonable notice to shippers; the power to prohibit a railroad when it fixes a given rate in competition with a water carrier from increasing that rate after water competition has been eliminated; the power to compel a carrier to perform its local duties through the instrumentality of the courts, placing the subject matter pertaining to same under the supervision and regulation of the Railroad Commission.

Be it further resolved that our representatives in the upper and lower branches of the Legislature be instructed to use every means in their power to aid the Commission in securing this much needed legislation.

GEO. E. GARY,
J. F. BIBLE,
M. L. ELB,
Committee.

BIG 3-STORY
BUILDING

One Of The Probabilities Before The Year 1914 Grows Old.

ROOMS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS

Armory, Band Room, Vaults And Many Other Needed Apartments.

When Christian county, more than 35 years ago, completed its new court house, the old one having been burned by Gen. Lyon in the fall of 1864, it was thought that the building was adequate for all needs. It was adequate for that day, but is not for the present.

Every frequenter of the court house when Circuit Court is in session knows full well that half-a-dozen jury rooms and consultation rooms are needed. The court cannot well do without more rooms. Often, both jury rooms and the single consultation room are in use, and when witnesses have to be segregated there is no place to put them until they are called to testify. This paper has called attention to this more than once.

But there is a chance and a probability of the Fiscal Court's taking steps in the matter during this year.

A representative of this paper approached one of the most active and progressive members of the Fiscal Court a few days since and was told that he believed the present court is composed of men who will fully measure up to the demands of the day and that before many months the court would get together on a plan, not for enlarging the court house, but to build an annex, and thus furnish all the officers of the court with quarters and also to give Judge Hanbery the rooms he so much needs.

The member of the court did not go into general details but gave a brief outline of what he hopes will be accomplished by the Fiscal Court during the year, which, briefly, is as follows:

The old clerk's office is to be torn down and in its place a large and handsome brick building, three stories high, will be erected.

This building will contain, in addition to the half-dozen jury and consultation rooms, quarters for the Superintendent of county schools, the Assessor, a room for the county court to hold its sessions, rooms for the Assessor, the Road Engineer, the Trustee of the jury fund, the Road Supervisor, the County and Commonwealth Attorneys, the Constable and several other officers that now have to "sponge" on others for room.

The second floor will probably be arranged for an armory. The court well knows that the Kentucky State Guard is something that will continue, if not for all time, until many generations have passed. The court has to provide an armory for the military company. There is no way of avoiding it. The county and city have to pay every year from \$350 to \$450 for a room in which the company can drill and store its arms and equipments. When the new building is erected this yearly drain on the county treasury will be at an end. There is no question about the soldier boys being located in the new building, the floor best adapted for the purpose is the only undecided point.

And then there's the outlay of about \$150 a year for a practice room and storage room for the Third Regiment band. This body is another part of the State and National Guard and the county has to take care of the members. The quarters of the band will be, most probably, be on the third floor.

Another great demand cannot long-

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